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Captain Don Pence Awarded Distinguished Service Cross

A 23-year-old Infantry captain who is now a patient in this hospital today will receive the Distinguished Service Cross—highest military decoration ever to have been awarded at McGuire.

Recipient of the Nation's second highest honor is Captain Donald C. Pence, Ward 26. The presentation will be made by Colonel P. E. Duggins at retreat ceremony this afternoon, weather permitting.

The youthful commander of an infantry company earned the distinguished decoration, awarded directly by General Eisenhower's headquarters for "extraordinary heroism" last February 6, when he personally led a platoon of his company across an open stretch of field covered by German fire from two flanks at Obere Ohlghmuhle, France.

The citation reads in part:—"Captain Pence personally elected to lead

one platoon from his company in an attack across 600 yards of open field under continuous automatic weapons and small-arms fire from the front and right flanks. When the attack faltered under the devastating fire, he remained upright, encouraging his men to resume the fight. During the assault, despite serious wounds suffered while destroying an automatic weapons position with hand grenades, he continued to encourage and direct his men. Inspired by Captain Pence's aggressive leadership, the platoon

closed with the remaining enemy, silenced all guns and killed or captured the entire garrison.

A graduate of West Point—class of 1943—Captain Pence is the son of another West Pointer, Colonel Charles W. Pence, former commanding officer of the famed Japanese-American Combat Team—the 442nd Infantry—that served so illustriously in the Italian campaign.

In addition to Captain Pence's award, today's retreat ceremony, will see Colonel Duggins present the nation's third highest award to patient officer Lt. Francis C. Hicks for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on March 3, 1945.

Lt. Hicks will also receive the Purple Heart during the retreat ceremony today.



A MAKER OF HISTORY LEARNS ABOUT EVENTS THAT LED TO WAR—McGuire patient, Pvt. John R. Pearson, of Oxford, Mich., who helped make history in ETO until wounded last February on the Siegfried Line, learns about prewar European history under the tutelage of Richmond High School instructor, Miss Jeffries Heinrich. This special bedside study program inaugurated last week by Lt. David W. Tiezen, chief of McGuire Educational Reconditioning, has received enthusiastic response from patients. Many have enrolled for the various courses taught by Richmond Public School teachers who have volunteered for this service. Miss Heinrich is the regular instructor in American History at John Marshall High School.

Red Cross Opens New Rec Hall And Game Room for Patients

A new recreation hall for patients opened today under the auspices of the American Red Cross. Miss Loraine Schmitt, acting Field Director of the Red Cross, reveals that the rec hall, formerly the off-duty focal point for relaxing Detachment Men, will be primarily a game room for patients.

The ping pong and billiard tables now in the auditorium will be moved to the new rec hall, as will the juke box; and additional tables will be provided to fill the demand for these

indoor sports.

Miss Schmitt also disclosed that the Day Room will be completely refurnished within a short time by the Masonic Lodge of Richmond, thus providing the utmost in convenience and comfort. Meanwhile, the Army has repainted the hall and installed temporary furniture.

Appropriate signs have been posted showing the way to the hall, which lies directly west of Wards 48-53.

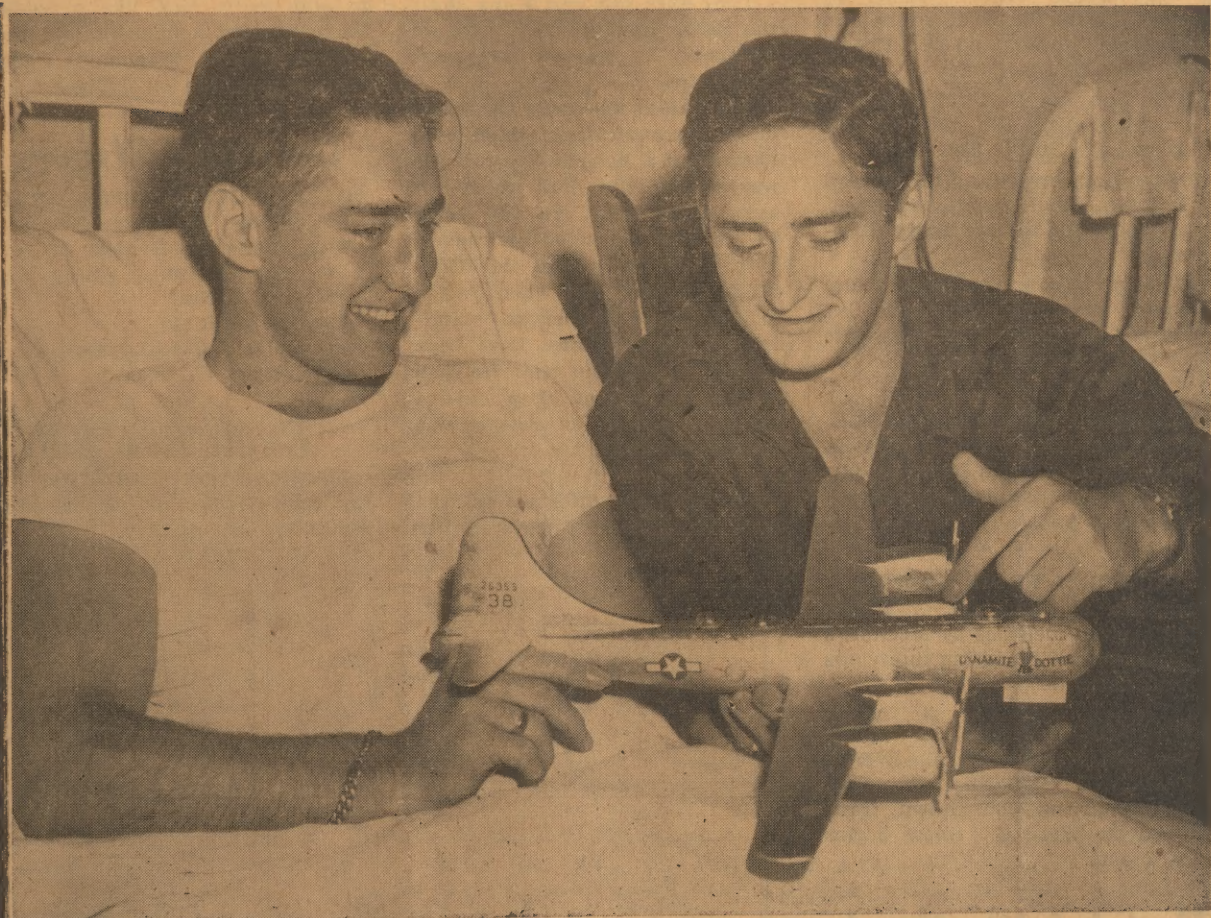
FLASH!

Japan Ready For Surrender?

Early this morning United Press was the first to announce that Japan had declared herself ready to accept terms of the Potsdam Agreement.

When the BANNER went to press there had been no official announcement from the White House, but unofficial predictions indicate an early end to the war with Japan.

Double Or Nothing



That's the way it's always been with 19-year-old twin brothers, Bob and Don Roach, of Lock Haven, Pa. Since birth, these identical twins—whom the Army lists as "Privates, First Class"—have been together in everything; which frequently made their company sergeant, in basic training, very unhappy.

Assigned to the same company as riflemen in the 310th Infantry, Bob and Don fought side by side against the Germans, and were unwounded until the day that some mischance separated them.

Tomorrow, at 5:30 p. m., the twins will appear on the "Open House at McGuire" radio show over WRVA, to tell of how they were wounded almost at the same time, about 20 miles beyond the Rhine.

The highlight of the broadcast will be the double award of the Purple Heart, when Hospital Commanding Officer Col. P. E. Duggins, in the traditional ceremony, pins the award to the chest of each twin.

Pictured above—left to right—Don gives close attention to Bob as he points out the detail accuracy of the model bomber constructed by another McGuire patient. The twin brothers intend to enter the commercial aviation field after discharge from the Army.

Bank Offers \$1 Check Accounts For GI Cash

The purchase of a \$1 check book at McGuire branch of Morris Plan Bank gives a GI a book of 15 checks and a checking account for the amount of money on deposit, it was announced today by H. F. Taylor, assistant cashier of Richmond's Morris Plan Bank, who is in charge of the McGuire branch.

Established primarily for the benefit of soldiers who go on furlough carrying a large amount of cash, these checking accounts will aid him in avoiding loss of cash through theft or ill-luck.

A checking account is a convenient, safe and easy way to carry funds. The checks can be used for receipted payments, or may be cashed readily upon proper identification or in a community where a soldier is well-known.

One of these popular checking accounts may be opened at any time in the McGuire Morris Plan Bank branch, and no minimum daily balance is required.

The account may be closed at the convenience of the depositor and a refund will be made for all unused checks when the account is closed.

McGuire First Cadet Nurses Finish Course

During this month 58 senior student nurses of McGuire's first Cadet Corps will complete the required six months' training period and depart for other assignments.

Thirty-five of the ex-cadets have applied for Army service and four will nurse for the Navy. Basic training should be no novelty for these 39 gals who have had six months of supervised ward work, classes, military orientation including dismounted drill and organized athletics and extra-curricular activities here at McGuire.

Of the 19 others, five will take post-graduate courses in clinical specialties; eight will marry but remain in essential civilian nursing for the period of time specified in the Cadet Nurses' oath; one is returning to work in the hospital where she received her training; and the other three are physically disqualified for further nursing service.

Nine of the 58 have already taken State Board examinations for that precious "R. N." degree and the others will follow suit during this month or in October.

Discharged EM Now Rates Same Gas Allowance As CO

A discharged GI now has just about the same gas privilege as a discharged commissioned officer, for he also rates a maximum allowance of 30 gallons of gas upon return to civilian life.

The only fly in the ointment is that the need for this additional gas must be justified as a requirement for using the car in job-seeking, home-hunting, visiting relatives whom the discharged vet has not seen for some time, and similar important errands.

Standard OPA rulings apply to the

discharge gas, just as they do to any other request for supplemental gas. Just call on the gas ration board, present the brand-new discharge papers, and the 30 gallons will probably flow into the gas tank.

Application should be made to the ration board in the district in which the vet's car was last garaged.

If the car has been kept on McGuire post for a reasonable length of time prior to the patient's discharge, application should be made to McGuire General rationing board—but discharge papers must still be presented.

Artificial Limb Shop Fits Vets To Walk Normally Once Again

Replacing an amputated leg with a comfortable, smooth-functioning artificial one is only a small part of the job, according to Lt. Herbert B. Hanger, of Washington, D. C., who came to McGuire last month to take charge of the Artificial Limb Shop.

The leg must be fitted carefully and accurately to a stump which has been properly trained through physio-therapy to accommodate itself to using and controlling the movement of the artificial addition.

Ford to Give Free Aid For Amputee Cars

DEARBORN, MICH.—(Ford News Bureau)—Henry Ford has stated that "no man who lost a limb in the armed services of our country in this war is going to have to pay anything extra to drive a Ford automobile."

The Ford Motor Company will provide free, special automobile driving equipment for veterans who have lost arms and legs in the war.

This equipment can be installed in any Ford automobile, including Mercurys and Lincolns, and in new or prewar models. Variations have been developed to compensate for every known combination of amputations, and they will not interfere with normal operation of the car.

"The least we can do for these men," Mr. Ford said, "is to be sure that they get an even break with men who come back without major disabilities, and we do not want any profit incentive to enter into this picture."

Mr. Ford's statement followed an announcement in Washington recently by the Office of the Surgeon-General, to the effect that while automotive engineers have made it possible for armless and legless men to drive automobiles, the extra charge "in many cases" may be considerable.

The Surgeon-General's office asked the Society of Automotive Engineers to work on devising appliances so that men with amputations could drive automobiles. The SAE, in turn, called upon the Ford Motor Company and other automobile manufacturers to work as a committee on this.

Capt. Muller Assigned To McGuire Post

Anesthetizing a wounded GI while enemy bullets are ripping through the fabric of your portable hospital tent, and the concussion of exploding Jap bombs whips viciously at the gowns of the operating surgeons, was often 'standard operational procedure' to medical officer Captain Stephen E. Muller of Bradshaw, Maryland.

The captain, recently returned from thirty-six months of overseas service with a hospital unit from the University of Maryland Medical School, spent most of those months with the portable section of the unit which operated close to battlefronts in the jungles of Australia, New Guinea, Dutch East Indies and the Philippines.

The officers and enlisted men of the unit—the 3rd Portable Hospital—shared with combat troops all the hazards of strafing, bullets, bombs and artillery fire.

"The idea was to set up the portable hospital as close to the front lines as possible, so that we could receive and treat battle casualties in a matter of minutes," the captain explained.

A high percentage of casualties from the Buna campaign—where portable hospitals were first used—would have died from shock or infection without the speedy medical care, sulfa drugs and plasma made available to them through front

The soldier who wears the leg must be conditioned mentally as well as physically, to use the replacement normally and gracefully in a natural walk.

He must be taught to walk, to dance, to drive a car and to engage in all the other daily activities common to a man of his age and type.

"We provide the facilities and the supervision, but the progress of the training is strictly up to the soldier himself," explained the lieutenant.

Every patient of McGuire who has been outfitted with one or more artificial limbs had advanced just about twice as rapidly as had been expected.

The procedure for fitting an arm differs from that of a leg, only in the use of it for arm and hand functions, and a little longer training time may be required for learning to write, eat and handle small objects.

Lt. Hanger is a veteran of several years of civilian and Army experience in artificial limb work.

"McGuire has one of the largest, most modern and best-equipped shops in America, and more careful planning was used in the construction of this center than any other," the lieutenant said.

This is the only center using the lighter weight, more easily handled type of artificial limb.

Pictured to the right is shown a series of steps in fitting an artificial leg.

line aid stations and portable hospitals; because the transportation of wounded to rear areas, or base hospitals, was possible only by hand borne litters.

"I used to admire the calm poise of the surgeons and corpsmen as they went about their business of saving the lives of the wounded in scornful indifference to the Jap bullets whizzing by; and I wondered if I looked as calm as I hoped I did," Captain Muller mused.

The Captain can speak feelingly on this score, because he and the other members of the unit often made assault landings with the men whose battle wounds they later treated.

Amphibious assault landings on New Guinea, the Wadki-Sarmi area, Noemfoor Island and Luzon, were taken in their stride by the four officers and twenty-five enlisted men of the 3rd Portable hospital.

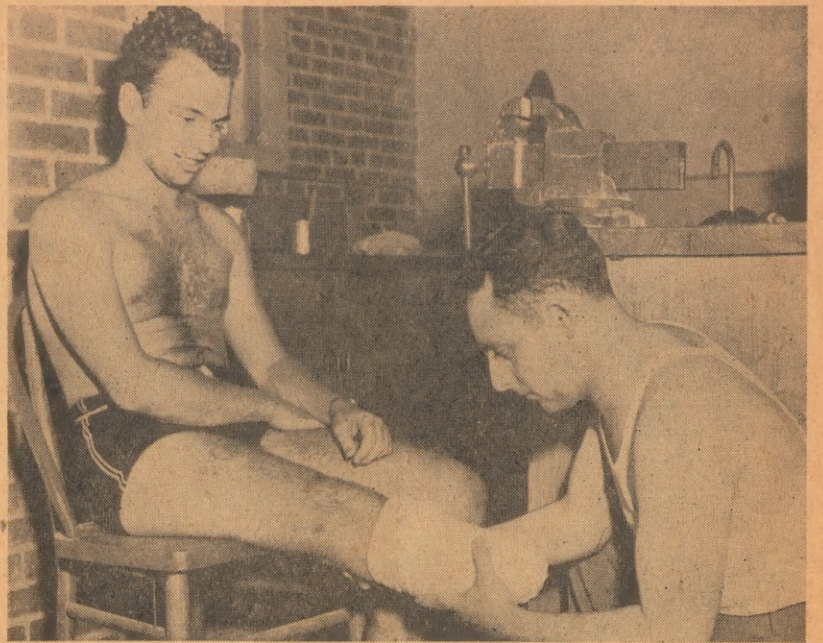
And within an incredibly short time after the establishment of each beach head, they had the hospital set up and ready for business within rifle range of the front lines.

His most vivid memories, according to the Captain, are not the hardships, hazards and hard work he encountered in the jungles of the Pacific. . . . nor the questionable beauty of the scenery. . . . nor the great variety of tropical diseases he treated. . . . but the raw courage, uncomplaining patience and high morale of the sick and wounded American fighting man.

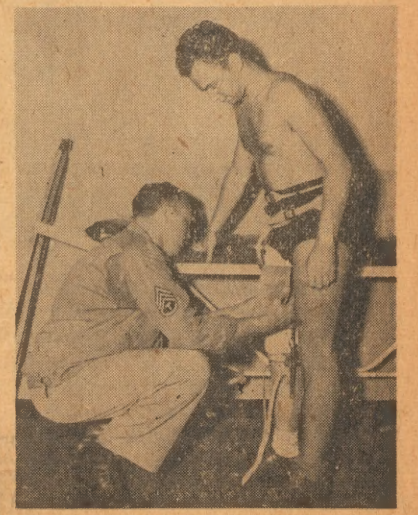
"They seemed grateful just for having a clean bed and reasonable freedom from pain, although, even when in great pain they seldom complained," said the captain.

"We used huge quantities of blood plasma," the captain continued, "and fortunately, we had no trouble in getting as much as we needed because of frequent shipments from the United States."

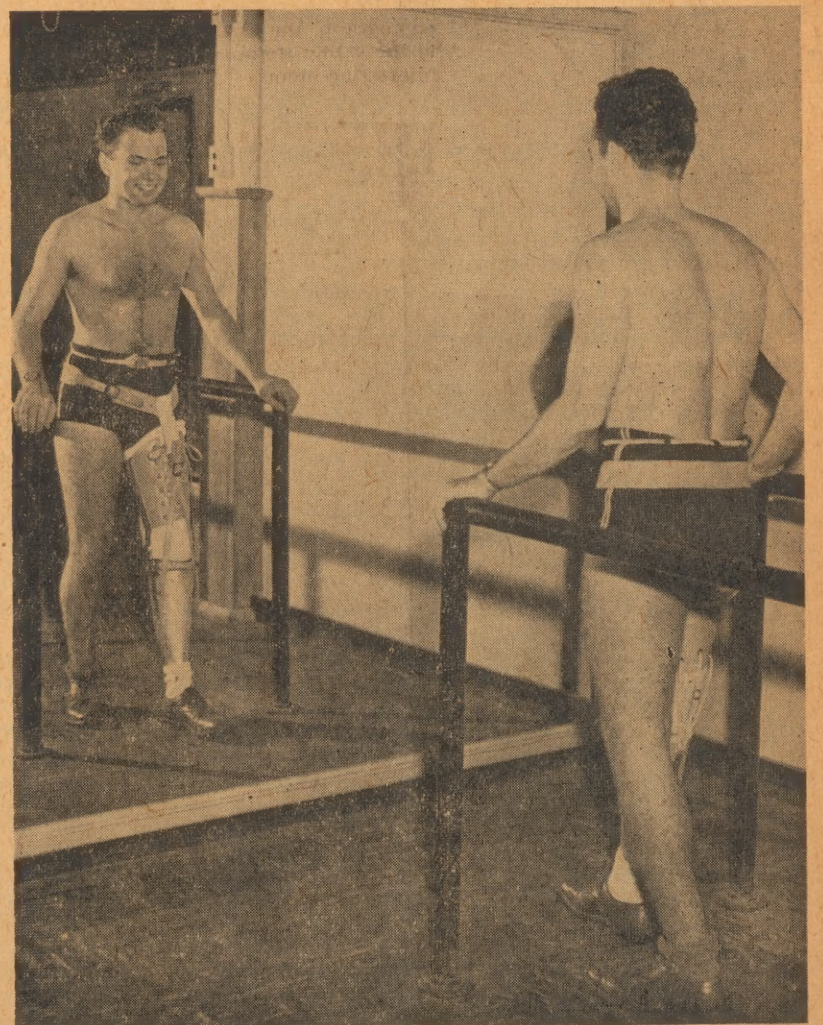
"The great number of whole blood



Above—Pfc John G. Pribram of Washington, D. C., patient in Ward 2, receives a cast fitting for an artificial leg from Pvt. Norman Palmer of Monessen, Pa. Pfc. Pribram, who wears the Silver Star for "gallantry in action," lost his leg last January during the battle for Colmar, France. Johnny, whose Czechoslovakian parents were slain by the Nazis, was a senior in college when he entered the Army to serve as an overseas combat medic.



Above, left—The artificial leg socket is being fitted to Johnny's stump measure by S/Sgt Alfred Sulinia, of Philadelphia, Pa. Above, right—Tec 3 Jack Twiford of Hampton, Va., fits the completed leg as Johnny tries it on "for size." Below—Johnny walks again on two legs. The hand rails are used to support the beginning walker as he watches himself in the full-length mirror to correct any walking faults.



transfusions we required did present a difficult problem in the early day of the war. There were no facilities for storing whole blood, and the total of twenty-nine personnel in our 3rd Portable was pitifully inadequate as a source of supply; so we had to depend upon nearby service and combat troops for our whole-blood donations. The problem was to keep from volunteering as blood donors, men who needed every drop of blood they had.

Captain Muller received his M.D. degree from the Medical School of University of Maryland in 1937, and was a practicing physician in Baltimore before entering active service with the U. S. Army in 1942.

Assignment of the Captain to duty as Assistant Chief of Medical Service at McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, was announced a few days ago by Colonel P. E. Duggins, hospital commanding officer.



THE WOLF

"NURSIE, WURSIE, come to Ricky, Wicky, please." Pvt. (j.g.) Ricky Edmonds tried too many times to attract his ward nurse to his room for other than professional reasons. Now he's in the doghouse. Even cooing at the buzzer doesn't help much—nurses get to know their characters. Ricky, recently a patient in Ward 46, is the son of Lt. Chris Edmonds, now at school boning up to be McGuire's new Personal Affairs Officer.

Civilian Rec To Deck New Club Room

Plans for decorating the Civilian Recreation Center's new club room at 601½ East Main Street are well under way, and it should be a matter of only a short while before the room is ready for the first housewarming party.

President George T. League has sent forth a call for help from anyone with a talent for painting, sewing or hanging drapes, interior decorating or furniture moving.

Members who can lend a helping hand for this club room decoration business are urged to get in touch with Mr. League at 231 Ring 2.

Flying High



This sketch of "Mona," famed pin-up gal of the Antilles, graces the noses of six planes in that department, including that used by Vice Adm. Robert C. Griffin, commandant of the 10th Naval District.

Hilarious Donkey Baseball Game Attracts Record Fan Attendance



ABOVE—That do-or-die look on the face of Supply's Pfc. Paul Binger must have been effective. Anyhow, he successfully piloted his—er, craft, safely around the bases on a second home run.

The hilarious donkey baseball game of last Wednesday night played to the largest "house" ever drawn by any Post event.

Staged on McGuire ball field at 6:30 p.m., the game got off to an immediate side-splitting start.

Although actually a contest between officers and enlisted male military personnel, the heaviest opposition on both sides was from the strong-minded mounts, who usually came out on top through sheer determination and kicking power.

Everything and everybody on the Post that could move was there in full force, and spectator partian-ship was loud-cheering and impar-tial, but emphatic.

The only donkey base-runner that consented to be interviewed by BANNER reporter said, "From my viewpoint, it's like this—a guy that can't run his own bases has no kick coming if he's thrown off."

The outcome of the game was that the officers out-sat, out-hit, out-played, or out-something'd, the EM's by a final score of 5 to 4.

Opinion is still undecided whether the mounts gave an edge to brass out of respect to the voice of au-thority, or because the of greater sitting dexterity resulting from longer practice.

McGUIRETTES WIN, TOO

The McGuirettes did all right for themselves, too, last Wednesday night in their game against the Reynolds Metals team in Fonticello Field.

The combination of 3 hits, 3 walks and 4 stolen bases was too hot for the Reynoldsites to handle, and sent them down to defeat by a score of 5 to 2.

This win advances the Mc-Guirettes to third place in the Rich-mond Dixie League.

McGuire's Edith Frith pitched the entire game and gave up only 5 hits. Excellent fielding gave her strong support, and no errors were chalked up against the gals.

RAIN—NO GAME

Results of Tuesday night's sched-uled game between the Generals and Friedman-Marks can be sum-med up with—"Rain—no game."

Information and Education Sec-tion: A pinch of salt is vastly im-proved by dropping it into a glass of beer. Army and Navy Journal.



ABOVE—Physio-therapy's Lt. Thomas J. Sheehan is agile, so, ap-parently, was the mule. Only the intervention of the attendant, who stabilized the mule, got the looney safely off to first.

Handcrafts Contests for Servicemen Are Slated

Regional Exhibits

Every Army post in the country (including hospitals) will select rep-resentative works made by person-nel stationed there and forward them to the Service Command Headquarters. There, entries will be shown in regional exhibitions, where selections will be made for the na-tional show in New York.

First prize winners in the four classes of entries at the national exhibition will receive certificates valued at \$75. Second prizes are certificates for \$50, and third, \$25. Certificates will entitle winners to purchase crafts tools and materials through the Army Exchange Ser-vice.

The craftsman may submit as many entries as he desires. Ob-jects entered must have been made, however, while the soldier was in the military service.

No restrictions are placed on the types of handicraft entry the sol-dier may submit, except that it can-not be paintings, drawings, sculp-ture, prints, renderings or photog-raphy.

Further information and applica-tion blanks may be obtained at the Special Service Office, Administra-tion Building. An exhibit of Mc-Guire entries will take place in the arcade between Oct. 15 and 25. En-tries close Oct. 14.

420,000 POWs Are Going Home From U. S. in 6 to 12 Months

Within the next six to 12 months, 420,000 German and Italian prison-ers of war held in this country will be sent back to their homelands, the provost marshal's office in Washington told newsmen last week.

During July and August about 8,000 sick and disabled PW's are scheduled for return to Germany and Italy, in accordance with a pri-ority system dictating which of the prisoners are to be returned first.

After the sick and disabled are transported, the group of prisoners of war who have worked and are classified as "co-operative" will be sent to their homes. The last to go will be the noncooperatives—about 40,000 who refused to work while held here. Return of the PW's will be based on availability

of transportation and demand for prisoner of war labor.

Italian Service Unit personnel will get preference for release over Ger-mans in the cooperative group, the war department said. Prisoners of war who changed their minds and decide to work now will not be sent to their homelands immediately but will be transferred as prisoners of war to France or other devastated countries to work in reconstruction projects.

60 'Daze' Furlough

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (CNS)—A man who tried to sell the local chief of police a bottle of liquor, while the chief was sitting in his car in plain clothes, got 60 days.

Business Vets Get First Call on Sale of War Goods

Servicemen who have been saving to set up shop for themselves after the war will get first crack at buy-ing surplus war goods. These will include the GI's pet, the jeep. For a period of 18 days after any goods are declared surplus they will be for sale exclusively to eligible vet-erans for use in their work.

The exercise of this right will be accomplished through the Smaller War Plans Corporation which has 110 field offices where veterans may file application. Arrangements are being made by the War Food Ad-ministration for the handling of

equipment for farming, forestry, fruit growing, etc. Heretofore, most surplus items, particularly automo-tive, agricultural and construction equipment and consumer goods, under the terms of the Surplus Prop-erty Act have been offered for sale through dealers. Under the new regulation veterans will be afforded the highest priority possible.

Value of surplus property any ex-GI can buy under this setup is limited to \$2,500.

One point is emphasized by SWPC officials. Goods purchased under these closed market conditions are not to be used for resale or refabri-

cation. For example, a vet cannot buy up shell casings with a view to fashioning them into cocktail shak-ers for sale; and if he buys a jeep on this "GI market" it must be for use in his farm or business.

According to the regulation, the veteran must maintain the business as sole proprietor, or, if non-veter-ans are associated with him in the business, they cannot have more than one-half interest.

A typical procedure on a veteran's application could be as follows: An honorably discharged veteran living in Troy, N. Y., is opening a plumb-ing and heating supply business. He

needs a light delivery truck, office equipment and other items. The nearest district office of the Smaller War Plants Corporation is at Albany. He make formal applica-tion in writing to that office, giving all necessary details. All the fac-tors of the application are reviewed and it is decided that the applicant has a good chance to build a success-ful business in his community, and the veteran's needs are recorded. In the meantime, the disposal agencies art reporting from time to time to the Smaller War Plants Corporation surplus property that becomes avail-able for disposal. The Corporation

will purchase items through its A-1 priority to fill as far as possible re-quirements of veterans as set forth in their applications. When the property is turned over to him, the veteran pays the Smaller War Plants Corporation the same amount involved on the purchase, either in cash or in some special cases, under an arrangement of terms.

The Surplus Property Board has pointed out that the demobilization of men and material will be con-current, and ample surpluses of all kinds are expected to be on hand to fulfill the needs of all veterans as they return to civilian life.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

